

**Town of Stratton
Selectmen's Meeting
January 14, 2019**

Present: Selectmen: Al Dupell – Chair, Greg Marcucci, Chris Liller and Kevin Robinson; and Clerk – Kent Young.

Al Dupell called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Orders were reviewed and signed.

Road Crew Issues: Garage Door fault: Chris Liller addressed the situations where the garage doors will open randomly, apparently from stray signals or power anomalies. He had received a quote for a temperature sensor from Low Voltage Services, LLC, to address a symptom of the problem, but decided that a better fix is to install an additional power switch, so that the doors can be deactivated when the Road Crew leaves for the day. Southworth Electrical quoted installation of said power switch to all doors at \$1450.00. Greg Marcucci moved to approve and Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. **2019/20 Budget:** Chris Liller said he had discussed paving estimates with Fuller Sand and Gravel. He received an estimate of \$118,620.00 for Pikes Falls (which is eligible for a paving grant) and \$145,130.00 for Pike Hollow Rd. (which is not eligible for grants). The Selectmen agreed to set the paving budget at \$210,000.00, which includes \$50,000.00 left over from this year. He said patch paving for Mountain Rd., which had been scheduled for last Fall, but was not completed, will be included in the 20219/20 schedule. He also requested to add an additional \$5000.00 for Class 3 Roads – the Selectmen concurred. **Equipment Replacements:** Chris Liller stated that next year the pickup is scheduled to be replaced. He also said that the grader needs to be replaced soon, in the next two years or so, instead of waiting on the 20-year cycle the town currently follows (a current cost estimate of \$325,000.00 to \$350,000.00). He will also look into a lease for the Board to consider. He stated that this year, the manifold needs to be replaced (approx. \$2500.00). **Dumpster Servicing:** A Casella Technician inspected the Dumpsters and will develop a service plan for the Town. **Garage Gate:** Chris Liller reported that the gate had been serviced as well. **FLEET (Excessive Weight) permit:** The Selectmen reviewed said permit application submitted by Newport Sand and Gravel. Chris Liller moved to approve. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred. **Certificate of Highway Mileage:** No changes – all Selectmen signed the certificate. The Selectmen then discussed a class change for next year for the end of Pike Hollow Rd. from Class 3 to Class 4, for the section which extends into the National Forest to the Craft's lot (a 0.4 mile length). The Clerk agreed to research the procedure. **Municipal Roads Permit:** Chris Liller said he will coordinate with WRC to proceed with applying for a grant for required work on Forrester Rd.

Town Report: Appropriation for Town Meeting: Kevin Robinson submitted the Stratton Mt. Vol. Fire Co. budget and appropriations request for \$52,150.00. Matt Underwood had previously submitted the Fire Co.'s report for the Town Report. The Selectmen also reviewed a request from Rekovery Alliance for \$500.00, but decided not to include the request in appropriations, since we do not have a public school. Additionally, the Selectmen concurred with an increased appropriations request by Londonderry Rescue from \$1000.00 to \$2500.00. **Selectmen's Report:** The Board reviewed the Selectmen's Report for the Town Report and concurred. **Town Meeting Warning:** The Warning looked acceptable – once updates are included it will be ready to approve at the next meeting and the Town Report should be ready for printing by February 1, 2019.

Stratton Mt. Vol. Fire Co. Grant: The board reviewed a grant application to VLCT-PACIF submitted by the Fire Co. for Turnout gear, which must first pass through the Town for submission. The Selectmen concurred with the application and Al Dupell signed the request.

Rescue Inc. Three-year Contract: The Selectmen reviewed the contract for Emergency Medical Services for Town coverage at 6,246.72 for 2019/20, \$6309.36 for 2020/1 and \$6372.00 for 2021/2. Chris Liller moved to approve. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred.

Sheriff's Dept. Hours: The Clerk said he had discussed this issue with the Sheriff and his scheduling officer, who stated that the department intends to make up for lost hours during the busier winter months. The Selectmen agreed that this is unacceptable and agreed to withhold further payments until the hours have been made up. The Treasurer has calculated that the deficit for services paid for and those received in accordance with the July – Dec invoices / reports is 268 hours. The Town has already paid for 500 hours. At \$47.00/hr., this is a deficit of \$12,596.00. The Clerk agreed to inform the Sheriff's Dept. of their decision.

Auditors' Report: The Selectmen reviewed the Auditors' Report for the 2017/8 Fiscal Year submitted by Sullivan and Powers Co.

Town Office / Town Hall Fire Alarm Systems: The Selectmen reviewed a proposal by George Wilson of Low Voltage Services, LLC for the replacement of the landline service currently provided to the monitors with cellular service. The cost for installation and equipment is \$2400.00 and cellular service for each communicator (3) is an additional \$539.40 annually. The Selectmen wish to meet with Mr. Wilson to discuss the reliability of this service. The current fire protection has been disconnected due to poor phone lines since December 23, 2018. The Clerk will contact Mr. Wilson to arrange a meeting.

Minutes: Kevin Robinson moved to approve the Selectmen's and Liquor Control Board Minutes of December 10, 2018. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred - the minutes were approved.

Adjourn: Greg Marcucci motioned to adjourn at 8:55pm. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: *David Kent Young*